

In all DCA-VET projects, covering provinces from Farah to Badakhshan, the objective of reaching sustainability is now one of the major topics. To improve the sustainability of the VFUs the staff are trained in business skills and in additional services, like cashmere harvesting, artificial insemination and animal nutrition. At the same time, extension campaigns are launched in order to increase the farmers' awareness of the benefits the VFU services can offer them, and to train them in best practices of animal husbandry. Male as well as female groups are formed for developing feed banks, and establishing value chains for animal products.



To consolidate sustainability of the veterinary program, DCA-VET has privatised the import and distribution of veterinary vaccines and medicines. To this aim, in 2011 VetServ was established. This being a commercial company selling quality veterinary drugs and equipment to the Veterinary Field Units, and other organisations.

Another important element in the process towards sustainability of the veterinary system is the growing role of the Afghan government. The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock is now involved in the coordination of many of the veterinary projects. Public-private partnership is enhanced by the linking of VFUs with MAIL through the Sanitary Mandate Contracting Scheme.